Subject: Chat with Mark Cohen
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Mark: uhhh
me: I'm sorry, that's fucking funny
me: so, I'm in Texas, and covering a Sarah Palin rally for Vanity Fair next week
me: a Sarah Palin rally in Tyler, Texas
Mark: wow, that should be edifying
Mark: i suppose they have to send texans to cover something like that
me: not really, I've been to family reunions
Mark: to avoid the risk of lynching
me: yeah, they can spot a secular Hebrew from a hundred yards around here
me: I got a haircut just to be safe
me: also
me: my friend Caleb here
me: who works as a producer at the local NBC station
me: he has this dumb bitch reporter whom he refers to as Dumb Bitch Reporter
me: the other day, she was reading over a script before a shoot
me: comes across the word "Ayatollah"
me: and says
me: "I'm not even going to TRY to pronounce this"
me: she had never heard the term before
me: and today she said there was a ghost in her house
me: film at 11, lol
Mark: you meet all kinds of interesting people in the workforce
me: I wouldn't know
Mark: wait, she said that on the air?
Mark: exactly
me: no, no
me: to Caleb
Mark: ok
me: he has like two great anecdotes EVERY DAY
me: there was a church burning here a couple months back
me: they caught two teens
me: police found a book in one of their rooms
me: Humanism in Art
me: and deduced that they were acting out of secular humanism
Mark: hahahaha

me: the station ran with it
Mark: i was afraid that's where this was going
me: Caleb tried to explain
me: didn't work
me: and today he was reprimanded because he ran a clip of a democratic rep taking bush admin to task for being cozy with oil regulators
me: someone had called to complain
me: keep in mind that there are much smaller, more ludicrous towns here
Mark: that kind of stuff must start to grate before very long at all
me: nah